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as attorney(s) or agent(s) to represent the undersigned before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and are authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee in connection with any and all patent applications assigned only to the undersigned according to the USPTO assignment records or assignment documents attached to this form in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

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